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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERIPHERAL VEIN FLUID REMOVAL IN  
HEART FAILURE

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

During a telephone discussion on October 30, 2003 between the undersigned and Examiner Deak. The telephone interview addressed the restriction requirement of October 10, 2003, and the improper grouping of claims therein. It was agreed that Group I comprises claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-26 and 27-48. The undersigned, on behalf of Applicants, elected the Group I claims.

Group I as stated in the Action of November 17, 2003, improperly does not include claims 16-26. It appears that a typographical error appears in the Office Action with respect to the identification of the Group I claims. In particular, it is believed that the number 27 should have been typed as the number 17.

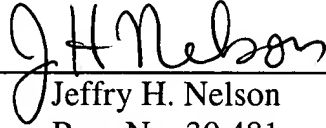
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Other than the restriction requirement and the telephone election of claims, no other substantive matter was discussed during the telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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